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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO: P - Mr. Armacost

FROM: H - J. Edward Fox

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with House Foreign Affairs Committee  
Chairman Dante Fascell, Friday, March 11, 1988,  
at 4:30 p.m.

SETTING

You have agreed to meet with HFAC Chairman Dante Fascell on Friday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m. in Fascell's office (Room 2354 - Rayburn) to brief him on Afghanistan and the status of the proximity talks. I will accompany you to the meeting.

BACKGROUND

There is no fixed agenda for the meeting. Fascell has not been out-spoken on the Afghanistan issue. I anticipate that he will be interested in your read-out on the prospects we see for success in Geneva, the positions of the parties directly and indirectly participating in the Geneva process as well as our assessment of Afghanistan in the post-withdrawal period. You also should expect that Fascell will be interested in your views on the Pakistani, Afghan resistance and U.S. positions on an interim government and our proposals on symmetry in aid cut-offs, given the extent of recent media and Congressional speculation in this area.

The House continues its consideration of a resolution on Afghanistan, ostensibly similar to that passed in the Senate on February 29. The inability of Committee Members to agree on a text has thus far prevented action on the measure (including a failed attempt to bring the resolution to the floor under unanimous consent earlier this week). You may therefore wish to query Fascell regarding House floor action on the Afghanistan measure and seek his views on Congressional sentiments regarding a continuation of U.S. assistance to the resistance.

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You will be proceeding to the meeting with Fascell directly from an earlier appointment. I will meet you at Fascell's office (Room 2354 Rayburn). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m.

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